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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-THIRD DAY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 31).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Campbell; Canales; Capelo; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Ellis; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hegar; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jones, E.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Lewis; Luna; Mabry; Madden; Marchant; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Mercer; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega; Oliveira; Olivo; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Telford; Thompson; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; West; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Callegari; Dukes; Gattis; Truitt.

Absent — Jones, D.

The invocation was offered by Representative Hunter.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business:

Dukes on motion of Wohlgemuth.

Truitt on motion of Wohlgemuth.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Gattis on motion of Van Arsdale.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of poor weather conditions:

Callegari on motion of Miller.

(D. Jones now present)

HR 214 - ADOPTED
(by Christian)

Representative Christian moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 214**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 214, Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Texas Heritage Trails Day at the State Capitol.

HR 214 was read and was adopted without objection.

HCR 25 - ADOPTED
(by Berman)

Representative Berman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 25**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 25, Recognizing February 24-26, 2003, as Tyler Days at the State Capitol.

HCR 25 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Merritt, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 25** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Berman, who introduced a delegation from Tyler and Smith County.

(B. Cook in the chair)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

HR 73 - ADOPTED
(by Berman)

Representative Berman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 73**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 73, In memory of Dr. John Lindsey Bradley of Tyler.

HR 73 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Geren, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 73** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Berman, who introduced the family of Dr. John Lindsey Bradley.

HR 22 - ADOPTED

(by Denny, Solomons, and Crownover)

Representative Denny moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 22**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 22, Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Denton County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 22 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Geren, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 22** as signers thereof.

HCR 62 - ADOPTED

(by Geren)

Representative Geren moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 62**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 62, Honoring the Westside All-Stars of Fort Worth for being the 2002 Southwest Little League Champions and semifinalists in the 56th Annual Little League World Series.

HCR 62 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Kuempel, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 62** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Geren, who introduced members of the Westside All-Stars of Fort Worth.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of illness:

Olivo on motion of Raymond.

HR 239 - ADOPTED
(by B. Brown)

Representative B. Brown moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 239**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 239, Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Athens Day at the State Capitol.

HR 239 was read and was adopted without objection.

HR 319 - ADOPTED
(by R. Cook)

Representative R. Cook moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 319**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 319, Congratulating The Bastrop Advertiser on its sesquicentennial.

HR 319 was adopted without objection.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 294 - ADOPTED
(by Swinford, Chisum, and Smithee)

Representative Chisum moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 294**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 294, Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Texas Panhandle Day at the State Capitol.

HR 294 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Smithee, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 294** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Swinford, who introduced a delegation from the Texas Panhandle.

HR 201 - ADOPTED
(by Swinford and Smithee)

Representative Swinford moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 201**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 201, Congratulating Bob Schneider on his 500th victory as coach of West Texas A & M University's women's basketball team.

HR 201 was read and was adopted without objection.

(Branch in the chair)

**HR 241 - ADOPTED
(by Deshotel and Ritter)**

Representative Deshotel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 241**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 241, Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Beaumont Day at the State Capitol.

HR 241 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Ritter, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 241** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Ritter, who introduced a delegation from Beaumont.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The chair recognized Representatives Solis and J. Davis, who introduced Buzz Aldrin. Mr. Aldrin briefly addressed the house.

(Speaker in the chair)

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Ways and Means, 10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment tomorrow, for a formal meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Berman moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Dr. John Lindsey Bradley of Tyler.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 11:13 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following message from the senate was today received by the house:

Message No. 1**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE****SENATE CHAMBER**

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

The Honorable Speaker of the House

House Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SCR 12

Shapiro

Urging public and private institutions of higher education in the State of Texas to adopt service learning as an important pedagogical tool and a central form of engagement, civic outreach, and citizenship education.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

February 24

Public Health - **HB 6**